TRENDS

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WASHINGTON, June 22, 1989 -- Carloadings* originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 17 totaled 336,461, down 3.2 percent from the comparable week of 1988, and 2.7 percent below the preceding week of 1989, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were down 2.0 percent in the East and 4.5 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1988 week, coal was up 2,983 cars (2.5 percent) and loadings of metallic ores were up 2,459 cars (12.2 percent). Grain loadings were down 7,993 cars (23.9 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first 24 weeks of 1989 totaled 8,083,100, up 0.4 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 110,205 trailers and/or containers for the week ended June 17, down 2.8 percent from the comparable week of 1988.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of 1989 was 2,676,357 trailers and/or containers, up 0.9 percent from 1988.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended June 17 totaled 18.9 billion, 3.6 percent below the comparable week of 1988. Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1989 was an estimated 464.2 billion ton-miles, up 1.0 percent from the comparable period of last year.

**Because of changes in reporting, 1989 figures are not comparable to previous years, except for 1988, which has been restated for purposes of comparison with 1989.*

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1988	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,439	33,432	-23.9 %	27,196	-6.5 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,095	2,262	-7.4	2,064	1.5
Metallic Ores	22,590	20,131	12.2	21,710	4.1
Coal	121,989	119,006	2.5	130,440	-6.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	16,588	18,268	-9.2	17,014	-2.5
Nonmetallic Minerals	10,192	9,837	3.6	10,576	-3.6
Grain Mill Products	9,877	10,413	-5.1	10,126	-2.5
Food & Kindred Products	8,638	8,904	-3.0	8,684	-.5
Primary Forest Products	9,124	10,133	-10.0	9,420	-3.1
Lumber & Wood Products	6,838	7,851	-12.9	6,688	2.2
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	10,568	10,952	-3.5	10,056	5.1
Chemicals	25,701	26,189	-1.9	25,788	-.3
Petroleum Products	4,962	5,199	-4.6	5,084	-2.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	10,438	11,260	-7.3	10,744	-2.8
Coke	5,455	5,700	-4.3	5,278	3.4
Metals & Products	9,256	9,910	-6.6	9,322	-.7
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	20,556	21,054	-2.4	20,167	1.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	9,129	9,291	-1.7	8,837	3.3
All Other Carloads	7,026	7,721	-9.0	6,570	6.9
Total	**336,461**	**347,513**	**-3.2 %**	**345,764**	**-2.7 %**

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JUNE 17, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 24 WEEKS ENDING JUNE 17, 1989 1989	1988	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	**336,461**	**347,513**	**-3.2 %**	**8,083,100**	**8,047,376**	**.4 %**
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	65,214	68,217	-4.4	1,560,407	1,608,197	-3.0
Containers	44,991	45,148	-.3	1,115,950	1,045,118	6.8
Total	**110,205**	**113,365**	**-2.8**	**2,676,357**	**2,653,315**	**.9**
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	**18.9**	**19.6**	**-3.6 %**	**464.2**	**459.5**	**1.0 %**

NOTE: Carloads estimated for: Week 24, 1989 - GBW.

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